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TIVES OF APRIL 12, 1978

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN THE APRIL 12 INFORMAL SESSION  
OF THE VIENNA TALKS, THE ALLIES WERE REPRESENTED BY THE  
BELGIAN, FRG AND US REPS, AND THE EAST BY SOVIET REPS TARASOV  
AND SHUSTOV, CZECHOSLOVAK REP KEBLUSEK AND GDR REP OESER.  
MILITARY ADVISORS WERE ALSO PRESENT.

2. IN THIS SESSION, WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES PRESENTED  
THE NEW WESTERN INITIATIVE. EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES SAID  
THEY WOULD NOT MAKE COMMENTS OR ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE  
INITIATIVE IN THE PRESENT SESSION, BUT INDICATED THAT THEY  
WOULD DO SO IN THE NEXT SESSION, SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 14.  
EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES COMMENTED ON THE EASTERN POSITION ON  
REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS AS REFLECTED IN THE EAST'S FEBRUARY  
19, 1976 PROPOSAL. THEY SAID THAT THE PHASE I COMMITMENTS  
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ON PHASE 2 REDUCTIONS ENVISAGED UNDER THAT PROPOSAL FOR  
DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OTHER THAN THE US AND USSR DID NOT INCLUDE  
SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS ON ARMAMENT REDUCTIONS. EASTERN REPRESENTA-  
TIVES ALSO COMPLAINED THAT THE WEST IN ITS OWN FIGURES HAD  
ALLOCATED MILITARY PERSONNEL PERFORMING THE SAME FUNCTIONS  
BETWEEN GROUND AND AIR FORCES DIFFERENTLY FOR EAST AND WEST.  
THEY ASKED TEN QUESTIONS ON RECENTLY TABLED WESTERN DATA.

WESTERN REPS ASKED FURTHER QUESTIONS ON RECENTLY TABLED EASTERN DATA AND ANSWERED SOME OF THE EAST'S QUESTIONS ON WESTERN DATA.

3. CZECHOSLOVAK REP LED OFF. HE SAID WESTERN REPS, WHETHER DELIBERATELY OR NOT, WERE MISREPRESENTING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE EAST'S FEBRUARY 1976 PROPOSAL AS IT CONCERNED REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS. THE FEBRUARY 1976 PROPOSAL CONTAINED TWO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM THE EAST'S NOVEMBER 1973 PROPOSAL IN THIS REGARD: IN CONTRAST TO THE EAST'S INITIAL DRAFT AGREEMENT, THE EAST HAD AGREED THAT IN THE FIRST PHASE ONLY CERTAIN AGREED TYPES OF ARMAMENTS OF THE USSR AND THE USA SHOULD BE REDUCED, RATHER THAN ALL ARMAMENTS. SECOND, THE EAST HAD PROPOSED THAT THE QUESTION OF WHICH SPECIFIC ARMAMENTS SHOULD BE REDUCED BY THE REMAINING PARTICIPANTS AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY WOULD BE REDUCED SHOULD BE SOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE SECOND PHASE.

4. CZECHOSLOVAK REP CONTINUED WITH CRITICISM OF THE WESTERN ALLOCATION BETWEEN GROUND AND AIR, STATING THAT THE WEST HAD PROCEEDED IN THE INEQUITABLE WAY THROUGH ALLOCATING GROUND-BASED AIR DEFENSE PERSONNEL OF THE UK, FRG, BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS TO THE AIR FORCES, WHILE COUNTING THE SAME TYPE OF PERSONNEL IN THE FORCES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND POLAND AS GROUND FORCES. THE WEST HAD ALSO INCLUDED THE PERSONNEL OF FRG PERSHING UNITS UNDER AIR FORCES AND HAD FAILED TO ALLOCATE HELICOPTER PERSONNEL PROPERLY. WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES  
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HAD EARLIER ADMITTED THAT THESE POSITIONS WERE INACCURATE AND ERRONEOUS, BUT, DESPITE THESE ADMISSIONS, THEY HAD DONE NOTHING TO CHANGE THEM.

5. BELGIAN REP FOLLOWED WITH FURTHER QUESTIONS ON THE EAST'S NEWLY TABLED DATA. TARASOV ANSWERED WESTERN DATA QUESTIONS FROM THE APRIL 4TH SESSION, AND ASKED TEN QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEWLY TABLED WESTERN DATA. US REP ANSWERED A NUMBER OF THESE QUESTIONS AND ASKED A FURTHER DATA QUESTION OF THE EAST.

6. FRG REP PRESENTED THE NEW WESTERN INITIATIVE. IN A BRIEF COMMENT, TARASOV SAID EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES WOULD THOROUGHLY STUDY THESE PROPOSALS AND REPORT THEM TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS. HE SAID IT WAS MOST LIKELY THAT EASTERN REPS WOULD HAVE CLARIFYING QUESTIONS ON THE WESTERN PROPOSALS, BUT THEY WOULD ASK THEM AT A LATER POINT.

7. THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD APRIL 14. END SUMMARY.  
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